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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0
Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: 17

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0
Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: At least \$199.0 billion[#] over five years

Total Amount of Revenue Reductions: \$0
Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: \$25.17 billion over five years

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0
Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: \$474 million over five years

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0
Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: 11[#]

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0
Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: 11

[#] This figure does not include H.R. 3873, the Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act. A CBO analysis of this bill is not yet completed.

H.Res. 598—Recognizing the valuable contributions of military impacted schools, teachers, administration, and staff for their ongoing contributions to the education of military children (Hayes)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Tuesday, May 4th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 598 resolves that the House:

“(1) recognizes the contributions of the teachers, administration, and staff of Military Impacted Schools and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools worldwide; and

“(2) commends the teachers in military impacted communities who work on the front lines at home to educate students during times of peace and times of conflict.”

Additional Background: The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is a civilian agency of the U.S. Department of Defense. According to the resolution, there are approximately 100,500 military children served in Department of Defense Education Activity schools in the United States and overseas. Click here for more information about DoDEA schools - <http://www.odedodea.edu>.

Military Impacted Schools are those that serve a large number of military children. These schools are supported in part by funds from the federal Impact Aid program, which in FY04 totaled approximately \$1.23 billion.

Committee Action: The resolution was referred to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Armed Services. Neither committee considered the bill.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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H.Res. 600—Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the U.S. for their ongoing contributions to education (Porter)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Tuesday, May 4th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 600 resolves that:

“(1) the House of Representatives acknowledges and commends charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education and improving and strengthening our public school system;

“(2) the House of Representatives supports the fifth annual National Charter Schools Week; and

“(3) it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to demonstrate support for charter schools during this week long celebration in communities throughout the United States.”

Additional Background: According to the resolution, nearly 3,000 charter schools are now operating in 37 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and serving 750,000 students. In addition, over the last 10 years, Congress has provided more than \$1,000,000,000 in support to the charter school movement through facilities financing assistance and grants for planning, startup, implementation, and dissemination.

National Charter Schools Week is May 3 through May 7.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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H.Con.Res. 380—Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education (*Cooper*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Tuesday, May 4th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 380 resolves that:

“(1) it is the sense of the Congress that music education grounded in rigorous instruction is an important component of a well-rounded academic curriculum and should be available to every student in every school; and

“(2) the Congress recognizes the International Music Products Association for its efforts to designate a Music Education Month in order to highlight the important role that school music programs play in the academic and social development of children.”

Additional Background: According to the resolution, “local budget cuts are predicted to lead to significant curtailment of school music programs, thereby depriving millions of students of an education that includes music” and “the arts is a core academic subject and

music is an essential element of the arts.” The resolution also states that “skills gained through sequential music instruction, including discipline and the ability to analyze, solve problems, communicate, and work cooperatively, are vital for success in the 21st century workplace.”

The International Music Products Association (NAMM), which is noted in the resolution, represents more than 7,700 retailers and manufacturers of musical instruments and products from 85 countries worldwide.

Committee Action: The resolution was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, but was not considered.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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H.Res. 599—Congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men and women's basketball championships (Simmons)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 4th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 599 would resolve that “the House of Representatives commends the University of Connecticut Huskies men’s and women’s basketball teams for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Championships.” The resolution notes “the University of Connecticut is the first school to win both the men and women's Division I basketball National Championship titles in the same year.”

Additional Background: The UConn women’s basketball team won its fifth NCAA championship by defeating the University of Tennessee by a score of 70-61.

The UConn men’s basketball team won its second NCAA championship by defeating Georgia Tech by a score of 82-73. UConn men's head coach, Jim Calhoun, has now led the Huskies to two national championships in six years, making him one of just seven coaches to ever win two titles during his coaching career.

Committee Action: H.Res. 599 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce on April 20, 2004, but the Committee did not consider the resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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H.Con.Res. 408 — Congratulating the University of Denver men's hockey team for winning the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championship, and for other purposes (*DeGette*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution has eight findings and states that is resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), “That Congress:

- “(1) congratulates the University of Denver men's hockey team for winning the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championship;
- “(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team's players, coaches, and support staff and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored;
- “(3) requests that the President recognize the achievements of the University of Denver men's hockey team and invite the team members to the White House for an appropriate ceremony honoring a national championship team; and
- “(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available to the University of Denver enrolled copies of this resolution for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championship team.”

Additional Background: On April 10, 2004, the University of Denver men's hockey team won its 6th national hockey championship, their first such win since 1969. Team goaltender Adam Berkhoel made 24 saves and finished the game with a shutout, only the 3rd shutout in hockey national championship game history. Gabe Gauthier scored the 2004 championship game's only goal in the first period, assisted by Connor James. The resolution's findings also note the names and achievements of the team's coaches and players.

Committee Action: The resolution was introduced on April 21, 2004, and referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, which did not consider the resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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H.Res. 594 — Congratulating the Kennesaw State University Owls for winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship, and for other purposes (Isakson)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution has nine findings and states that is resolved that the House of Representatives,

“(1) congratulates the Kennesaw State University Owls for winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

“(2) recognizes the contributions of the Kennesaw State University Owls' players, coaches, staff, faculty, families, and supporters in winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship;

“(3) commends the city of Kennesaw, Georgia, for its enthusiastic support of the Kennesaw State University Owls; and

“(4) hopes that the high academic and athletic standards set by the Kennesaw State University Owls will continue to inspire fans and young players around the world by producing student athletes of a high caliber.”

Additional Background: On March 27, 2004, Georgia's Kennesaw State University Owls defeated the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles in Bakersfield, California, to win the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship. The Owls won their final 26 consecutive games and achieved a 35-4 season record. The resolution's findings note the name and achievement of the Owls' coaches and players.

Committee Action: The bill was introduced on April 1, 2004, and referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, which did not consider the resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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